

Senate Resolution 1546

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Brown of the 26th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Kenneth Chastain; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of this nation's most distinguished
3 citizens with the passing of Mr. Kenneth Chastain on September 1, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Chastain was born on May 1, 1954, in Lumberton, North Carolina, a
5 beloved son of the late Rosie Pearl Hammonds Chastain and J.F. Chastain, Sr.; and

6 WHEREAS, a member of the Lumbee Native American Tribe, Mr. Chastain dedicated his
7 life to promoting social progress, equality, and justice for people of the United States and
8 around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Chastain worked diligently for equal rights for minority and women steel
10 workers, service workers, electrical workers, and undocumented workers in Georgia and
11 throughout the South; and

12 WHEREAS, he worked with anti-apartheid groups in the United States and South Africa,
13 organized marches and forums in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, worked with the tire
14 and auto industry to ensure safe tires and cars, and traveled to Africa, Central America, Asia,
15 and the Middle East to fight for human rights; and

16 WHEREAS, this compassionate man was working on behalf of injured sugar refinery
17 workers in Savannah, Georgia, at the time of his untimely passing; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Chastain was united in love and marriage to Jeanne Opdyke Chastain for
19 32 wonderful years and was blessed with the love and support of his remarkable children,
20 K.C. and Kymberly, Estes, and Rose, and his delightful granddaughter Aubree Isabella Rose;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
23 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
24 family and friends were admired by others; and

25 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
26 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
27 made this world a better place in which to live; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Chastain will long be remembered for
29 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle,
30 cousin, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Kenneth Chastain and express their deepest and
33 most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Kenneth Chastain.